

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 4, 2009**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on February 4, 2009, at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Keller Auditorium, 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, Connecticut.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:      Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
   Elliot S. Berman, DDS  
   Peter Katz, DMD  
   Lisa Liegeot  
   Merrill Marks  
   Barbara Ulrich  
   Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:      Lance Banwell, DDS  
   Steven Reiss, DDS

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Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Dr. Strathearn welcomed students from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Commission members, Department of Public Health (DPH) staff and visitors from the Connecticut State Dental Association were introduced.

**I.      Minutes**

The minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**II.     Chair Updates**

- Regional Board Examinations

Dr. Strathearn gave an overview of the Commissions responsibilities and the history examinations for dental licensure. Dr. Strathearn also presented a PowerPoint presentation on the current license examination process.

**III.    DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Office of Practiotner Licensing and Investigation, DPH reported that development of on-line license renewals is progressing. It is planned that this will be available in June 2009.

Ms. Filippone also reported that legislative proposals in the current legislative session include licensure fee increases and licensure for advanced dental hygiene practitioners.

**IV.    NEW BUSINESS**

A.      Provisional License Application

Patricia Diaz, D.D.S.

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Diaz to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Diaz. The motion passed unanimously.

B. License Reinstatement Applications  
Paul Zimmitti, D.D.S.

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a reinstatement license application for Dr. Zimmitti. Following review of the application Br. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to recommend approval of Dr. Zimmitti's reinstatement application conditional upon completion of continuing education requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Lapsed License Reinstatement Protocol

Dr. Ungar presented suggestions for license reinstatement protocols. Ms. Filippone offered DPH's comments on the suggestions and commented that these suggestions may need to be implemented by way of enacting regulations. The DPH may need to consult with the office of the Attorney General as part of the regulation implementation process.

V. ASSIGN HEARING PANEL

Abbas Mohammadi, DDS, – Petition No.2006-1213-002-089

Hearing panelists for this case will be Dr. Banwell, Ms. Liegeot and Dr. Ungar. The scheduling of hearing dates will be coordinated by the DPH - Public Health Hearing Office.

VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Walter Kostrzewski, DMD – Petition No. 2005-1117-002-074

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Walter Kostrzewski, DMD. Attorney Beverly Knapp was present on behalf of Dr. Kostrzewski. Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

VII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Investigations Protocol

Kathleen Boulware, RN, DPH Practitioner Investigations Unit gave a presentation on the process for the investigation of complaints regarding health care practitioners.

VIII. ADJOURN

Mr. Marks made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**May 13, 2009**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on May 13, 2009, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:      Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
   Lance Banwell, DDS  
   Elliot S. Berman, DDS  
   Lisa Liegeot  
   Steven Reiss, DDS  
   Barbara Ulrich  
   Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:      Peter Katz, DMD  
   Merrill Marks

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Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

**I.      Minutes**

The minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**II.     Chair Updates**

Dr. Strathearn reported that Dr. Berman and Dr. Strathearn participated in the February 2009 NERB examination at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

**III.   NEW BUSINESS**

A.      Provisional License Application

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Carlos Cruz Chu, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Chu. The motion passed unanimously.

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Melissa Mainken, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Mainken. The motion passed unanimously.

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Patricia Pina, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by MS. Ulrich, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Pina. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners

Guy S. Shampaine, DDS, Vice Chairman gave a presentation pertaining to the various dental examinations. Dr. Shampaine also spoke as to the need for a uniform national Dental licensure examination.

C. Continuing Education

The Commission discussed with Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation Section, Department of Public Health the need to change the mandatory continuing education requirements for dental licensure with respect to required course content and the time period during which these courses must be taken. Ms. Filippone indicated that a statute change would be necessary. She suggested that a work group to include the Connecticut State Dental Association and the members of the Commission meet to discuss these issues. Dr. Ungar and Dr. Berman will be the Commission's representatives on this workgroup.

D. Health Assistance Intervention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided the annual update regarding the Haven Program. As of December 31, 2008 there were the following numbers of professionals enrolled in the program:

Physicians and Physician Assistants – 50	Veterinarians – 5
Nurses – 52	Podiatrists – 1
Dentists and Dental Hygienists – 5	Respiratory Therapist – 1
Social Worker - 1	

During 2009 to date, 1 dentist and 1 dental hygienist have been referred to the program. Ms. Dinnan stated that work on a HAVEN web site is progressing. It is hoped it will be functional very soon.

IV. ASSIGN HEARING PANEL

Benjamin Schultz, DDS, – Petition No.2006-1213-002-089

Hearing panelists for this case will be Dr. Reiss, Dr. Banwell and Mr. Marks. The scheduling of hearing dates will be coordinated by the Public Health Hearing Office.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

. James Hegg, DMD – Petition No. 2005-1117-002-074

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of James Hegg, DMD. Dr. Hegg was not present or represented.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order that places Dr. Hegg's license on probation for period of two years. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

. Jooyoung Lee, DMD – Petition No. 2007-0614-002-041

Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jooyoung Lee, DMD. Attorney Kenneth Mastroni was present on behalf of Dr. Lee.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Liegeot, to approve the Consent Order that places Dr. Lee's license on probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

. Alfred Moraski, DDS – Petition No. 2008-0822-002-060

Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Alfred Moraski, DDS. Attorney Craig Fontaine was present on behalf of Dr. Moraski. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

. Laurence Loeb, DDS – Petition No. 2005-0524-002-035

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Laurence Loeb, DDS. Neither Dr. Loeb nor his attorney was present. Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Liegeot, to approve the Consent Order that places Dr. Loeb's license on probation for period of two years, imposes a practice restriction and places Dr. Loeb's license on probation for period of two years. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

. Angela Warmington – Petition No. 2009-0106-000-001

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Angela Warmington. Ms. Warmington was not present or represented. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to approve the Consent Order in which respondent agrees to cease and desist from the practice of dentistry. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

. Christoph Carlone, DDS – Petition No. 2007-0529-002-037

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Christoph Carlone, DDS. Dr. Carlone was not present or represented. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand and a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

**VI. ADJOURN**

Dr. Reiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**September 9, 2009**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 9, 2009, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:      Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
   Lance Banwell, DDS  
   Elliot S. Berman, DDS  
   Peter Katz, DMD  
   Lisa Liegeot  
   Merrill Marks  
   Steven Reiss, DDS  
   Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:      Barbara Ulrich

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Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**I.      Minutes**

The minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections.

**II.     Chair Updates**

Dr. Strathearn reported that she received an inquiry regarding whether a dentist can make and insert sleep apnea appliances and/or does this procedure require a prescription from a physician in order to make and insert the appliance. The Commission noted that § 20-123 of the General Statutes states that . . . a person who is licensed to practice dentistry under this chapter, who has successfully completed a postdoctoral training program that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor organization, in the specialty area of dentistry in which such person practices may: (1) Diagnose, evaluate, prevent or treat by surgical or other means, injuries, deformities, diseases or conditions of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial area, or its adjacent or associated structures; and (2) perform any of the following procedures, provided the dentist has been granted hospital privileges to perform such procedures: (A) Surgical treatment of sleep apnea involving the jaws . . .

For a general dentist, the sleep apnea would need to be diagnosed by a physician and a prescription for an appliance would be necessary.

**III.   NEW BUSINESS**

A.      Provisional License Application

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Laura Posada-Pacheo, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Posada-Pacheo. The motion passed unanimously.

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for I-Ping Chen, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Chen. The motion passed unanimously.

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Guillermo Zapata, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Zapata. The motion passed unanimously.

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Joshua Anderson, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Reinstatement License Application

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application for Katherine Lindberg, DDS. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Marks, to recommend reinstatement of Dr. Lindberg's license provided she successfully completes a clinical skills evaluation and examination at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine or she passes the clinical skills portion of the Northeast Regional Board Examination (NERB). The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

. Robert Harris, DDS – Petition No. 2008-0905-002-061

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Harris, DDS. Attorney Dawn Alderucci was present on behalf of Dr. Harris. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand and a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

. Benjamin Schultz, DDS, – Petition No.2006-1213-002-089

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Benjamin Schultz, DDS. Attorney Bradley Smolkin was present on behalf of Dr. Schultz. Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order that places Dr. Schultz's license on probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Abbas Mohammadi, DDS – Petition Nos. 2006-0323-002-018  
2006-0328-002-021  
2006-1213-002-089

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Abbas Mohammadi, DDS. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Mr. Marks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Strathearn who recused herself from voting in this matter. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

**V. ADJOURN**

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 2, 2009**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on December 2, 2009, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:      Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
   Lance Banwell, DDS  
   Elliot S. Berman, DDS  
   Peter Katz, DMD  
   Lisa Liegeot  
   Steven Reiss, DDS  
   Martin Ungar, DMD  
   Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:      None

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Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**I.      Minutes**

The minutes of the September 9, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**II.     Chair Updates**

None

**III.    NEW BUSINESS**

A.      Provisional License Application - Pooja Bysani, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Pooja Bysani, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Bysani. The motion passed unanimously.

B.      Provisional License Application - Aadarsh Gopalakrishna, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Aadarsh Gopalakrishna, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Gopalakrishna. The motion passed unanimously.

C.      Meeting Dates 2010

The following meeting dates were scheduled for 2010: All meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m.  
February 10, 2010 – University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut  
May 12, 2010 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut  
September 8, 2010 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut  
December 8, 2010- Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut

**IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Robert Ailleo, DMD – Petition No. 2008-1030-002-075

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Ailleo, DMD. Dr. Aiello was present without counsel.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand of respondent's license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Victor Goldmerstein, DMD, – Petition No.2008-0423-002-026

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Victor Goldmerstein, DMD. Dr. Goldmerstein was not present or represented.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Liegeot, to approve the Consent Order that imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Elizabeth Goodin, DMD – Petition No. 2009-20091109

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Elizabeth Goodin, DMD. Dr. Goodin was not present or represented.

Ms. Liegeot made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, recommending that the Consent Order not be approved and that the cease and desist language be eliminated but that the \$1000.00 civil penalty remain. The motion passed unanimously. The Department of Public Health will bring this matter back at the next meeting.

**V. ADJOURN**

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
Connecticut State Dental Commission